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SENT DEPARTMENT SECTO 27, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 1076,
MOSCOW 205, BONN 506.

DE GAULLE, PRESIDENT AND MACMILLAN MET AT ELYSEE MORNING MAY 17.

DE GAULLE PROPOSED THAT HE CALL SUMMIT CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON AND THAT IF KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT APPEAR, IT WOULD BE OBVIOUS MEETING COULD NOT BE HELD. THIS WAS AGREED AND FON MINS WERE CALLED IN TO DRAFT TRIPARTITE STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED IF KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT APPEAR.

IT WAS AGREED THAT IF KHRUSHCHEV APPEARED AND ATTEMPTED TO REPEAT YESTERDAYS PERFORMANCE, DE GAULLE WOULD RULE HIM OUT OF ORDER. TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN WESTERN POSITION OVERNIGHT, THAT AFTERNOON MEETING WAS CLEARLY TO BE SUMMIT MEETING RATHER THAN PREPARATORY ONE AND PARTICULARLY TO AVOID POSSIBILITY KHRUSHCHEV MIGHT CLAIM PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON HALTING OVERFLIGHTS CONSTITUTED APOLOGY, DE GAULLE AGREED TO ISSUE WRITTEN INVITATIONS IN FOLLOWING TERMS TO KHRUSHCHEV, WITH SAME WORDING TO OTHER TWO.

"HAVING NOTED STATEMENTS MADE DURING PRELIMINARY MEETING OF MAY 16, I CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SUMMIT CONFERENCE CAN BEGIN EXAMINATION OF THOSE QUESTIONS WE HAD AGREED TO DISCUSS. I SUGGEST WE MEET TODAY, MAY 17 AT 3:00 P.M. AT ELYSEE WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS."

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